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China, Shanghai (18 August 1953)

- On 1 August, the East China Military Area (ECMA) Command began a major inspection of the 30,000 new troops, including two divisions and one regiment, which were at Hsuchou (N 34-18, E 117-16). WANG Chien-an (3769/1696/1344), commander of training in the ECMA, was to be the commanding officer of the inspection. Personnel of the East China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party, the ECMA Command, provincial military district commands, and several army groups were to attend the inspection which was for the purpose of examining the results of the last two years of troop training. After the inspection, some of the new troops were to participate in field practices with the air force and artillery and armored troops based at Hsuchou.²
- In mid-July over 50,000 new troops, all of whom were equipped with modern Soviet weapons, had been trained in the ECMA.
- On 1 August, the Hsuchou office of the ECMA's Supply and Service Department was being expanded in order to service the steadily increasing number and types of troops stationed at Hsuchou. The Hsuchou office had been established originally to serve the replacement troops training in the area, but it also became responsible for providing new equipment to the infantry, artillery, armored, and para-troop units training at Hsuchou.

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5. The Hsuehou office was being enlarged to a total of 46 personnel. Two deputy directors, one deputy political commissar, and eight sections were being added to the original staff of one director, one political commissar, and ten cadres. The Supply and Service Department assigned a company to garrison the office.

Comments

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1. The 36 Army is tentatively accepted in the Hsuehou area. [redacted] the army in Hsuehou, [redacted] the 106 Division in the Laiyang (N 36-57, E 120-42) area of Shantung.
2. [redacted] the establishment of Hsuehou as a major East China recruit training center under the command of WANG Chien-an in July 1951. [redacted] air and armored units are accepted in the Hsuehou area, [redacted]

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